

U.S. Rep. Mark Kirk has awarded the top prize in the 24th annual Congressional High School Art Competition "An Artistic Discovery" to Renee Kimpel, a senior at Hoffman Estates High School. The piece titled "We Will Never Forget" was selected as the grand prize winner from among 25 original works of art and photography entered by high school students from throughout the 10th Congressional District. "We Will Never Forget" will hang in the Capitol with other grand prize winners from across the country. In addition, Southwest Airlines awarded three round-trip tickets to Washington, D.C., for Kimpel and two relatives so that they can attend a ceremony honoring art winners across the country. Judges from the North Shore Art League evaluated 25 works of art based on criteria including content, technical skill, design and originality. Along with Kimpel, two other students were awarded runners-up in the competition. Second place belongs to Anthony Cruz, a senior at Hoffman Estates High School. Jessi Dorman, a junior at Lake Forest High School, took third place. Their pieces will hang in Kirk's congressional offices